

Applicants: Hector F. DeLuca et al  
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**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, in the parent Application No. 10/127,180, the originally pending claims were subjected to a restriction requirement. In this parent application, Applicant elected claim 22 drawn to a 2 $\alpha$ -methyl vitamin D compound. The present application is being filed in order to prosecute claims 17-21 directed toward a method of treating an inflammatory disease. Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-16 and 22-77 as being directed toward non-elected subject matter.

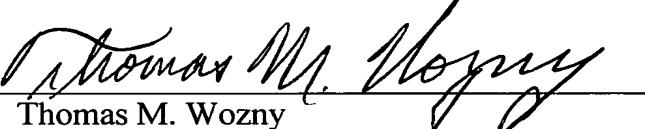
Examination on the merits of claims 17-21 is herein requested.

An effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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